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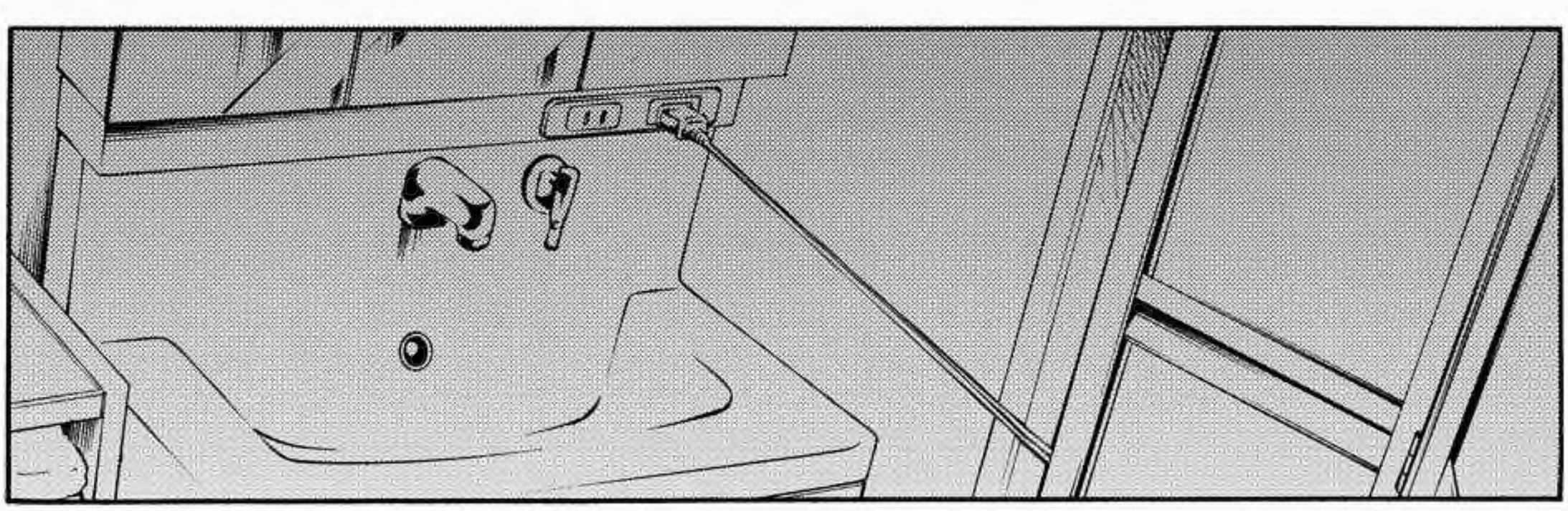

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HELLO? IS THIS THE POLICE?

SOMEBODY IS DEAD!

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HUH?

KUJIRAI-SAN? WHO IS THAT?

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF HIM.

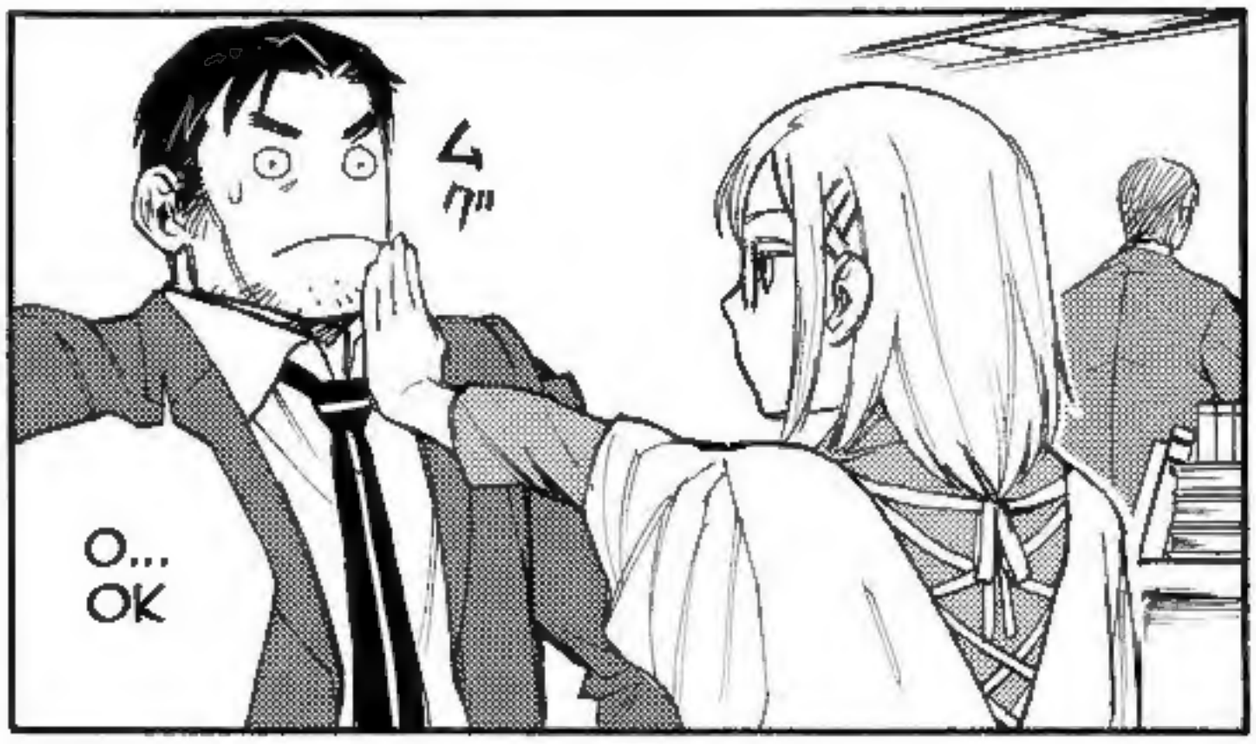
BY THE WAY, WHO ARE YOU?

I KNEW IT...

THE NAME IS HIJIORI.

DETECTIVE ORITETSU HIJIORI

I'VE INVEST-IGATED A CASE WITH YOU BEFORE...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O...
OK

I CANNOT REMEMBER, SO PLEASE DO NOT DISCUSS MATTERS OF THE PAST.
SPEAKING OF IT WOULD BE A BREACH OF CONFIDEN-TIALITY

SO IS THERE A CONNE-CTION BETWEEN YOU AND I?
YAH, ACTUAL-LY...

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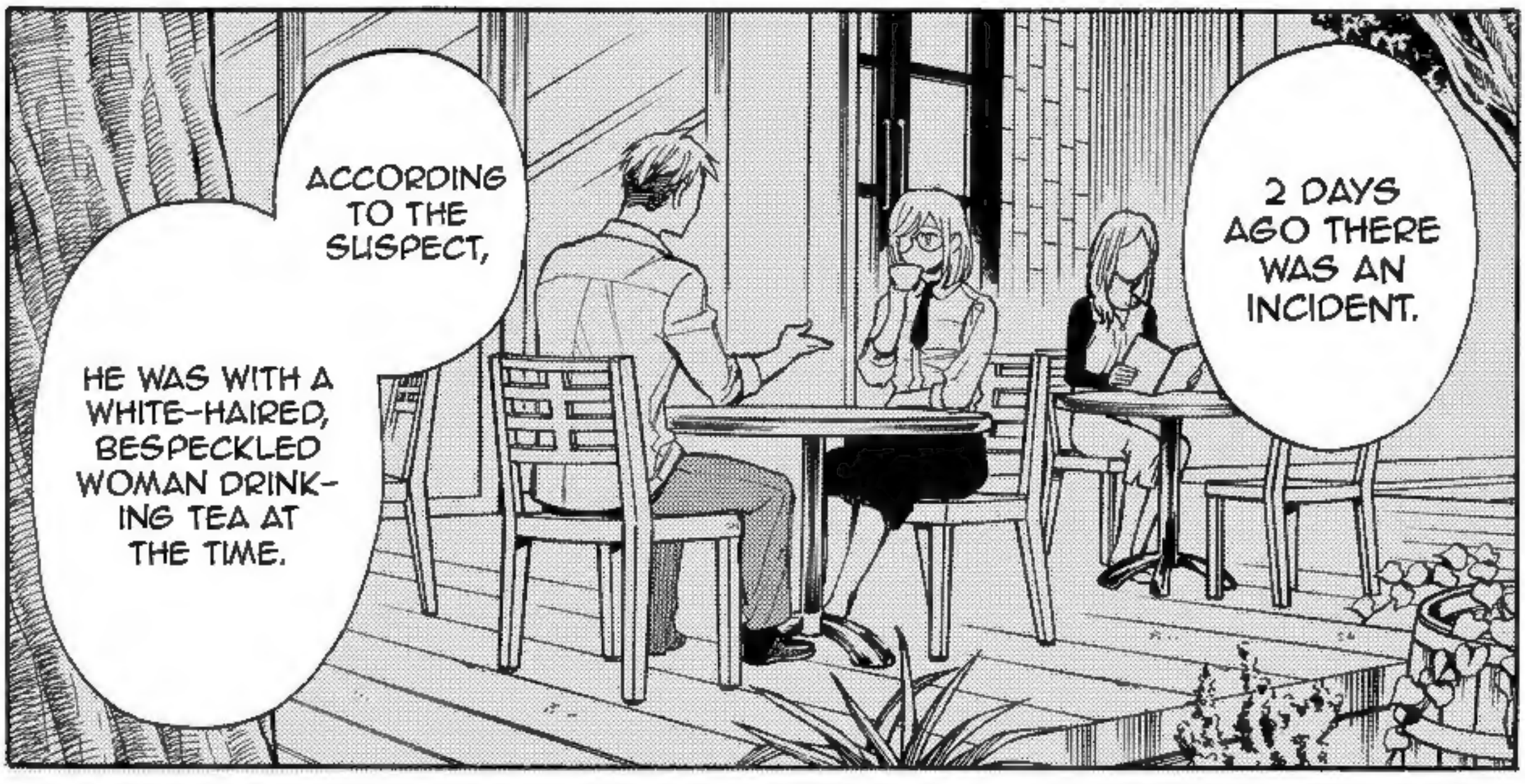
ACCORDING TO THE SUSPECT,
HE WAS WITH A WHITE-HAIRED, BESPECKLED WOMAN DRINK-ING TEA AT THE TIME.
2 DAYS AGO THERE WAS AN INCIDENT.

I UNDER-STAND.

SORRY FOR DRAGGING YOU TO THIS MEETING.

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SO YOU REME-MBER...

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HMM, THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE ME.

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OF COURSE...

I DON'T REMEM-BER A THING.

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LIKE-WISE,

I'M SORRY I WASN'T ABLE TO BE OF ANY HELP.

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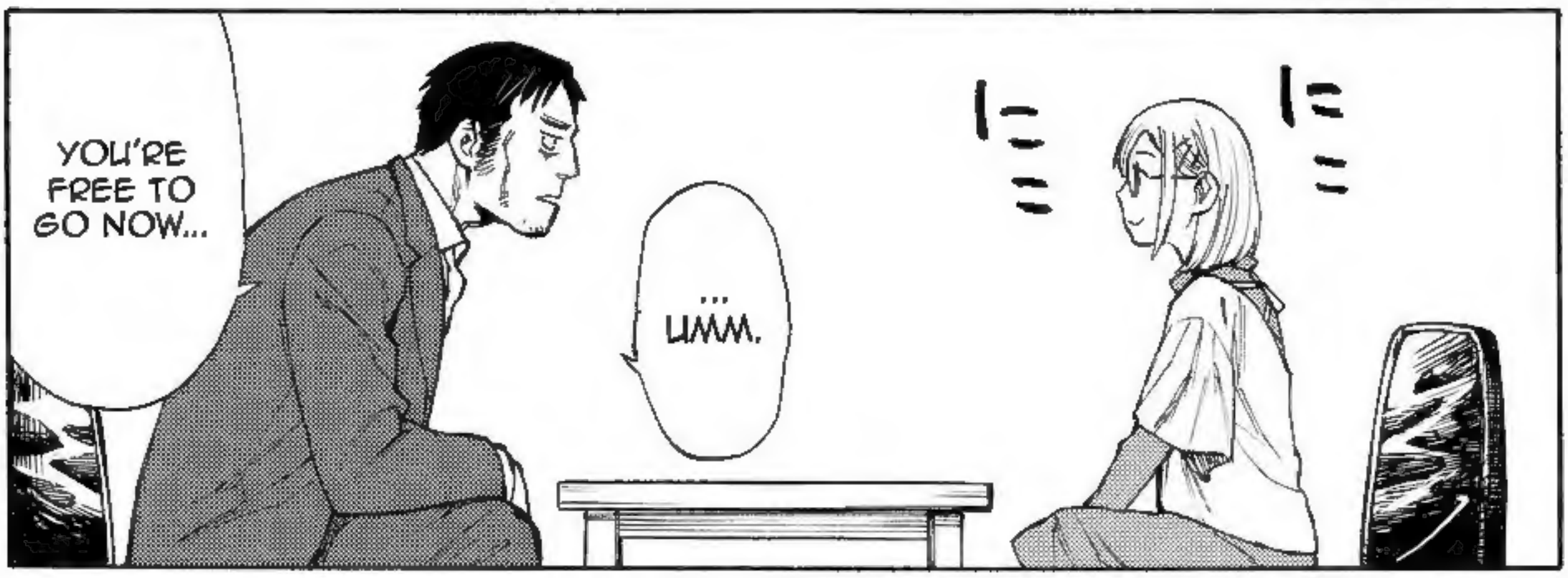
YOU'RE FREE TO GO NOW...
...UMM.
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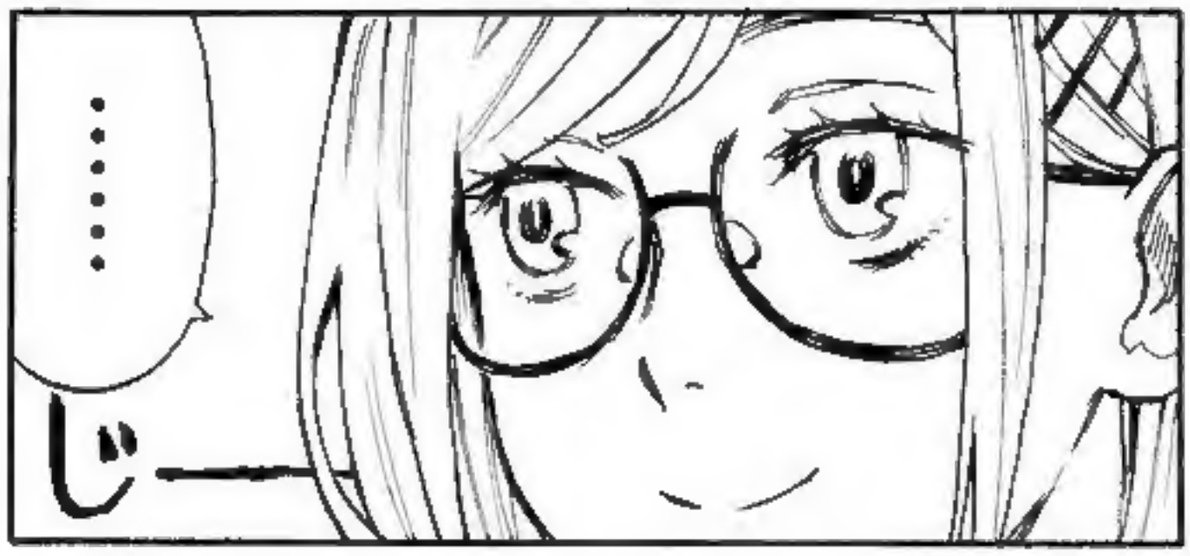
WELL IT'S HARD FOR ME TO BRING IT UP
WHEN YOU'RE SO IMPAS-SIONED BY THIS CASE, BUT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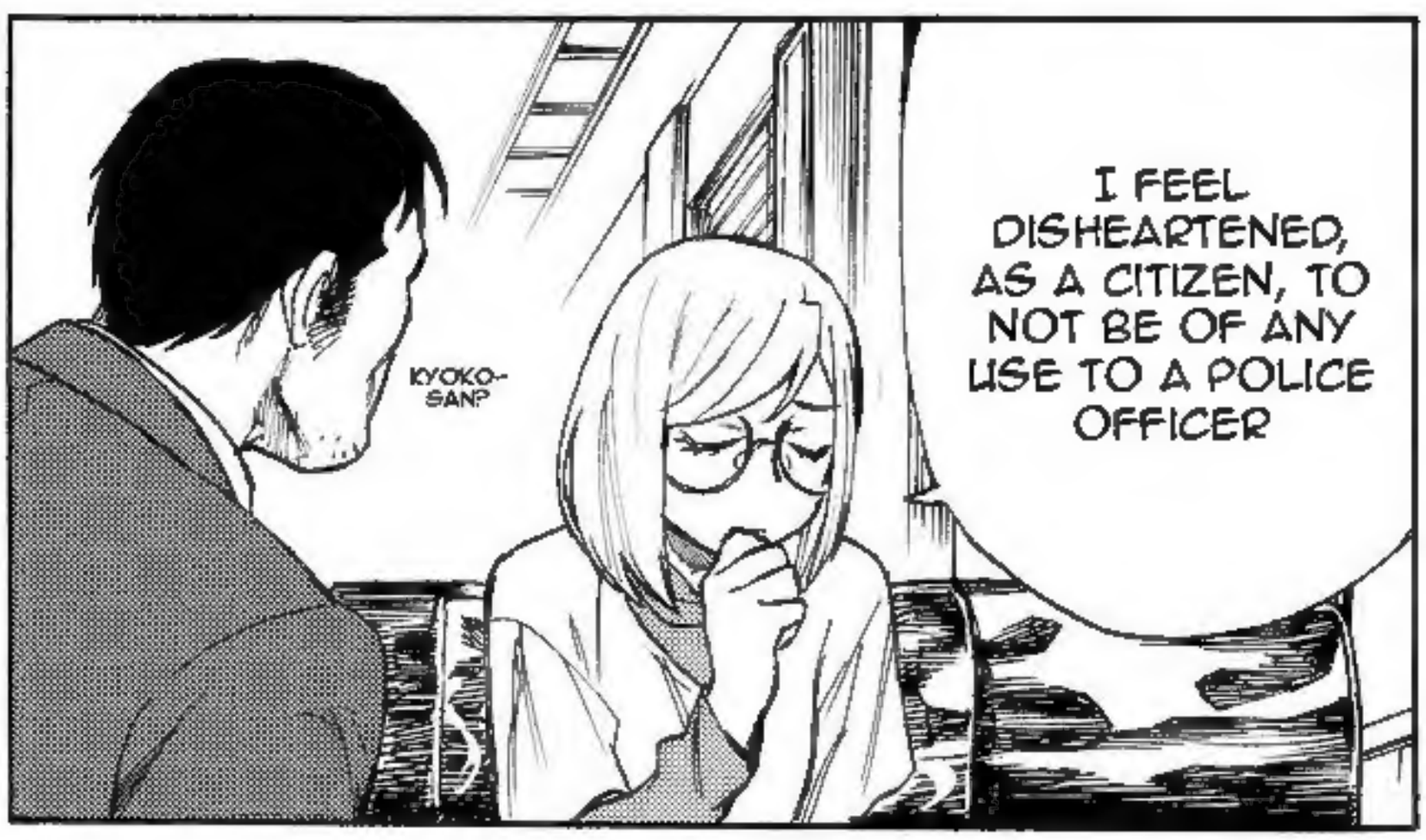
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU NEED?

SO WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THIS?


KYOKO-SAN?
I FEEL DISHEARTENED, AS A CITIZEN, TO NOT BE OF ANY USE TO A POLICE OFFICER

WILL HELP YOU INVESTIGATE.

I, THE MANAGER OF OKITEGAMI DETECTIVE OFFICE, KYOKO OKITEGAMI

I DIDN'T THINK KYOKO-SAN WOULD TAKE UP A CASE FOR FREE...

THERE'S NO WAY THAT AN ADULT WOULD WORK FOR FREE.

HUH?

I'M SO GRATEFUL!

I'M GRATEFUL, ESPECIALLY FOR THE 10% DISCOUNT.

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I'M JUST SAYING THAT, AS A SPECIAL DEAL, I'M GOING TO SUBTRACT THE COST OF TAX.

WHEN DID...

...WHAT'S WRONG KYOKO-SAN?

TAX BECOME 10%?

THE VICTIM IS UNAGI KYUUGO.

HE'S A SWIMMER WHO WAS ONCE AN OLYMPIC CANDIDATE

SO

HOW DID HE DIE?

ONLY 27. I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM...

ELECTROCUTED IN A BATHTUB.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME DETECTIVE

I'LL HAVE FORGOTTEN BY TOMORROW, SO THERE WON'T BE ANY TRAUMA.

OH!

HIS FACE IS AWFULLY RELAXED

SHOULDN'T THE EYES AND MOUTH BE WIDE OPEN? SINCE YOU SAID HE WAS ELECTRO-CUTED.

SO ANOTHER PERSON DROPPED THE HAIR DRYER?

BUT WHY WOULD A SWIMMER WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD OF HIM, DO SUCH A THING?

THAT'S WHAT WE INITIALLY PRES-UMED,

THE PERSON WHO DISCOVERD THE CORPSE, THE VICTIM'S FRIEND, BECAME OUR PRIME SUSPECT.

WE SCANNED FOR INFOR-MATION REGARDING UNAGI-SAN AND

...DID HE DROP THE HAIR DRYER WHILE BATHING?

HE SAID HE WAS HAVING TEA WITH YOU AT THE ESTIMATED TIME OF DEATH.

YES, HIS NAME IS RUKA KUJIRAI

SO KUJIRAI-SAN IS THE SUSPECT AND THE ONE WHOSE ALIBI YOU WERE INQUIRING ABOUT.

GOT IT

MY TESTIMONY IS USELESS.

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...YUP

THEN HE IS NOT A SUSPECT.

...WELL THAT WOULD BE THE CASE

NOW HE IS AN INSTRUCTOR AT A GYM.

KUJIRAI-SAN USED TO BE A COMPETITIVE SWIMMER AND UNAGI-SAN'S RIVAL.

THE TWO WERE ON BAD TERMS.

THEY WERE FRIENDS... BUT NOT ANYMORE.

WHY WOULD HE CHOOSE THIS METHOD OF MURDER?

HE SEEMS CONFIDENT IN HIS PHYSICAL CAPAB-ILITIES.

YES.

CAN'T IGNORE THAT.

OR

MAYBE HE ASSUMED THAT HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO OVERPOWER UNAGI, WHO'S STILL A REGULAR SWIMMER...

THE METHOD WAS NECES-SARY FOR FORGING THE ALIBI.

TO ESTABLISH THE ALIBI, THIS WAS THE ONLY POSSIBLE WAY.

NO SECURITY CAMERAS.

THE FRONT DOOR DOESN'T LOCK.

DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER SUSPECT IN MIND?

IT SEEMS LIKE KUJIRAI-SAN WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WITH A KEY.

IT COULD...

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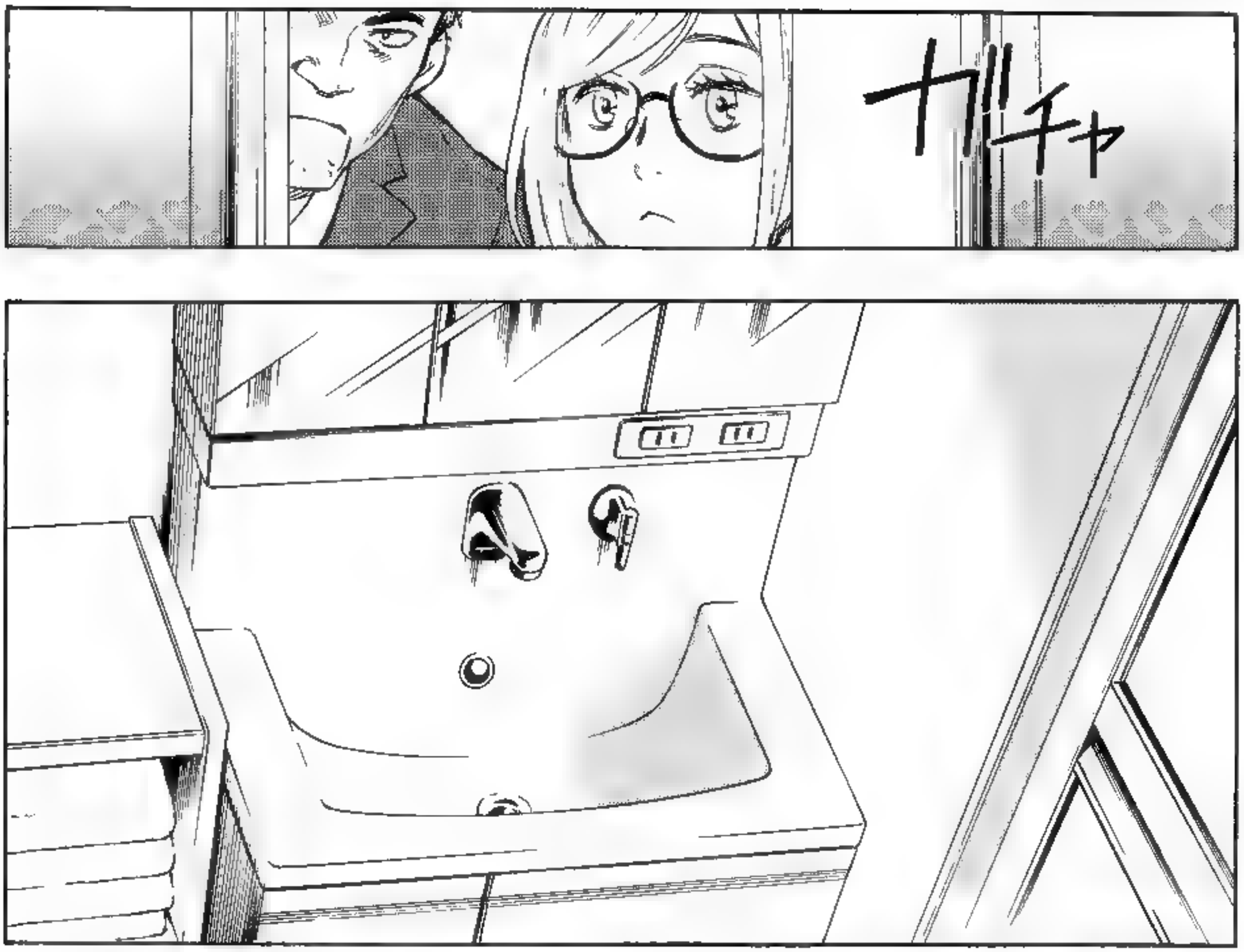
JUST BE AN ACCIDENT...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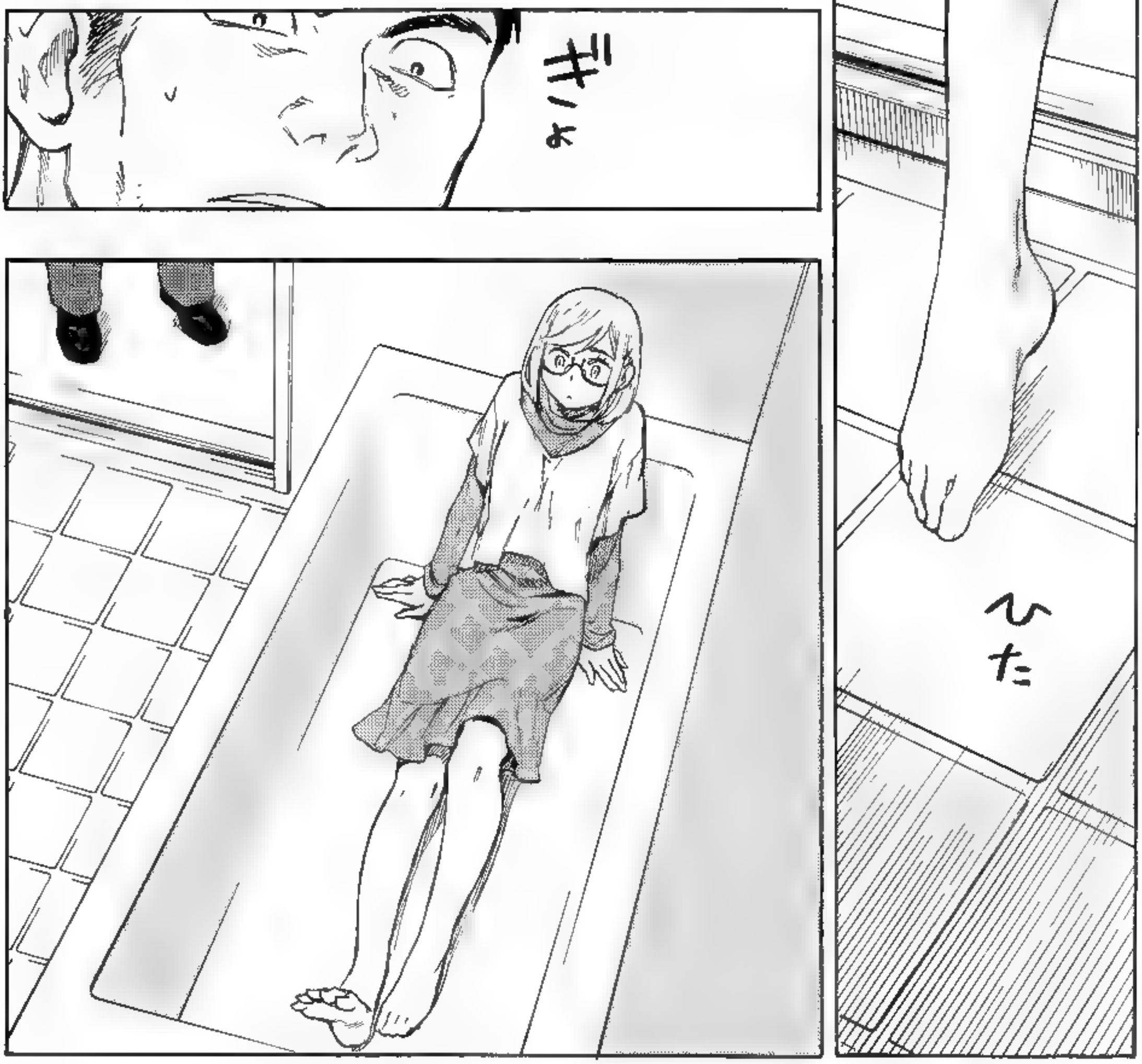
I'M PRETTY SURE THAT STANDARD HAIR DRYERS DON'T HAVE CABLES THIS LONG.
PLUG IT INTO AN OUTLET. MAYBE IT'LL REACH THE BATHTUB...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I HAVE BOTH QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
HMM-
DID YOU FIGURE SOMETHING OUT?

FROM MY IMPRESSION,
KUJIRAI-SAN IS THE MOST LIKELY SUSPECT.
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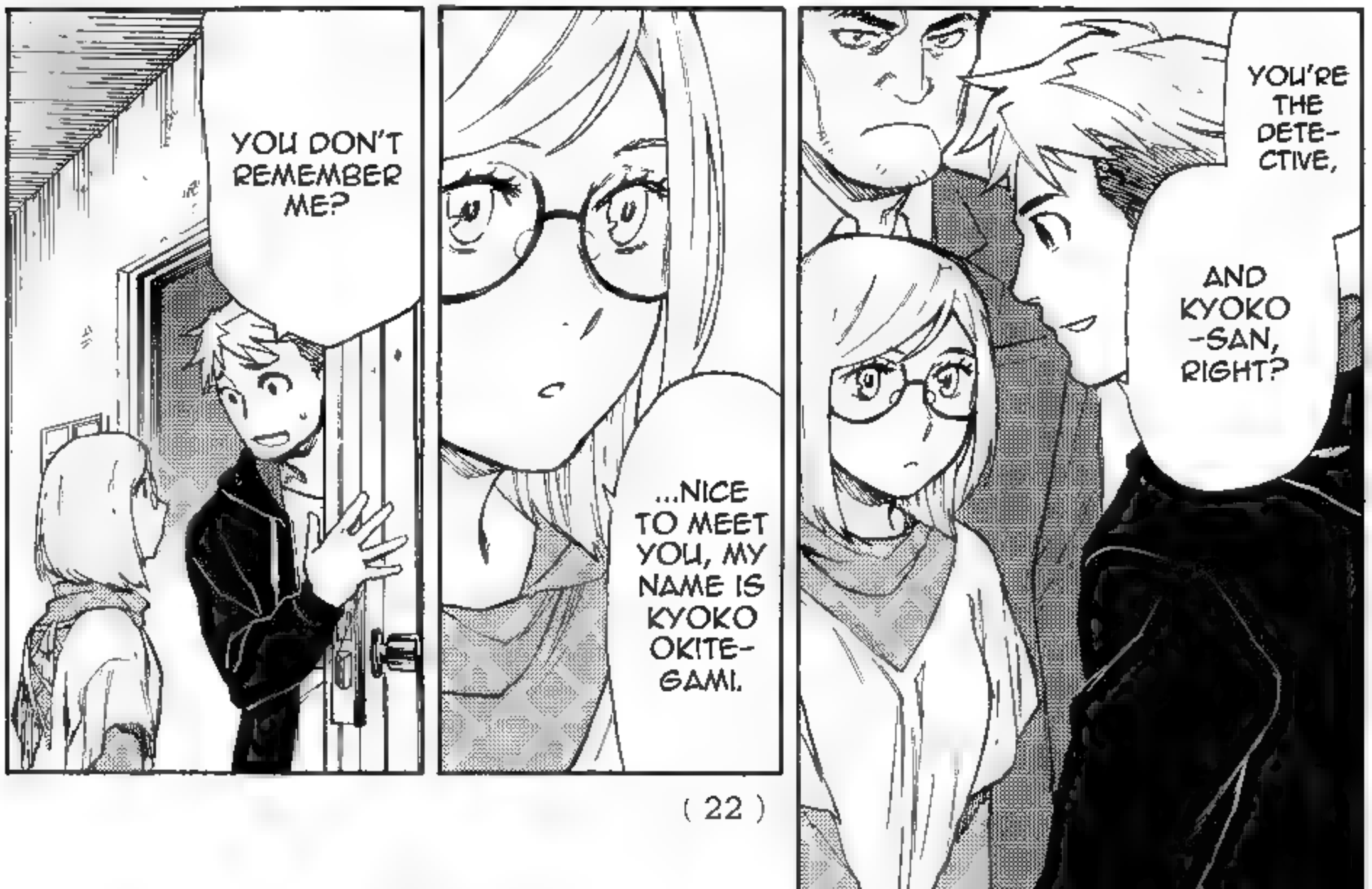
YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME?
...NICE TO MEET YOU, MY NAME IS KYOKO OKITE-GAMI.
YOU'RE THE DETE-CTIVE,
AND KYOKO -SAN, RIGHT?

MAY WE COME IN INSIDE?

OH

SURE

SORRY KUJIRAI -SAN

IT WOULD'VE BEEN MUCH EASIER IF I COULD HAVE CONFIRMED YOUR ALIBI.

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THANK YOU.

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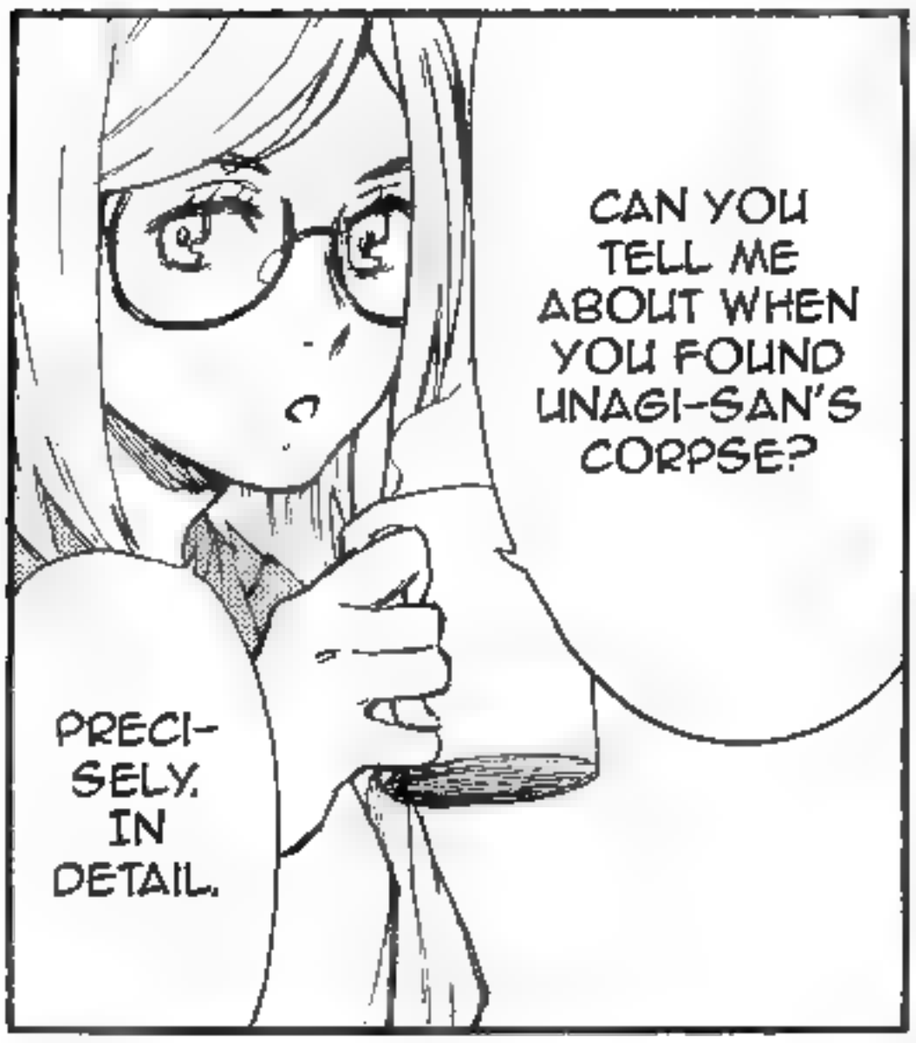
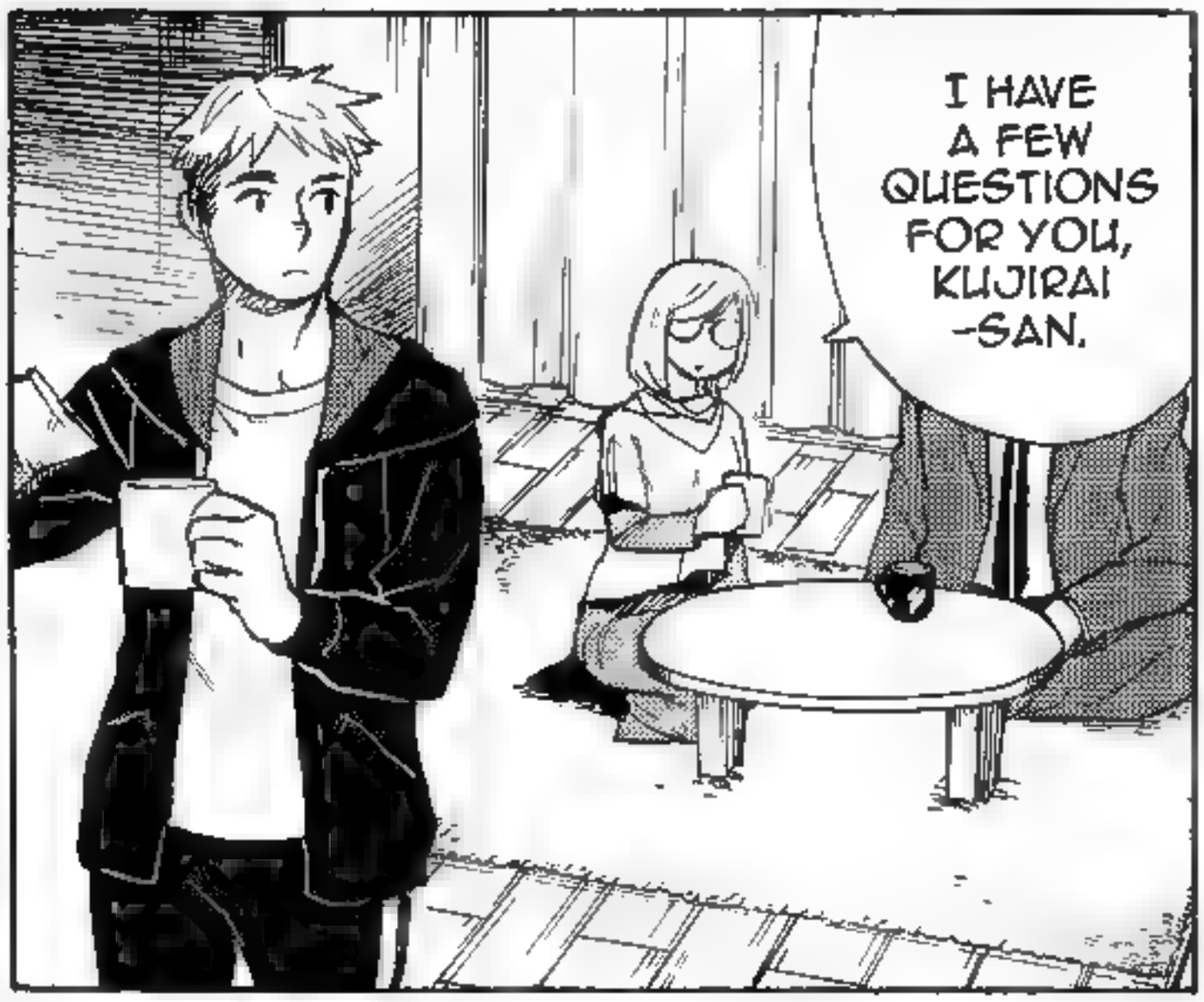
I'M SUR-PRISED

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU WERE A DETECTIVE.


CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT WHEN YOU FOUND UNAGI-SAN'S CORPSE?
PRECI-SELY. IN DETAIL.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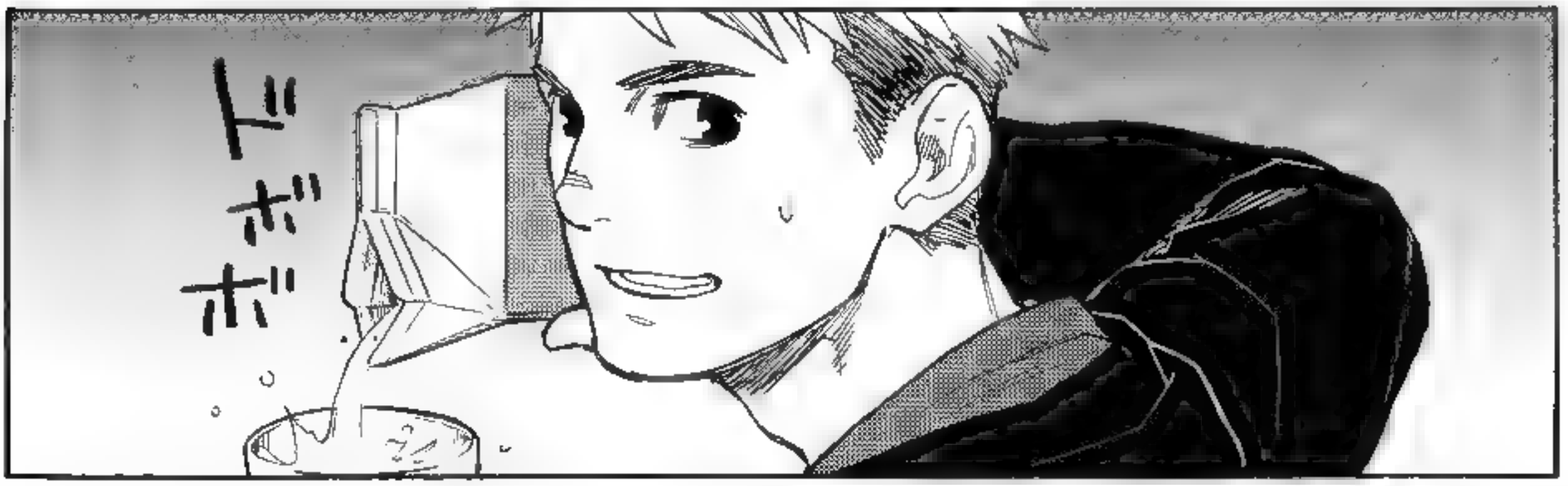
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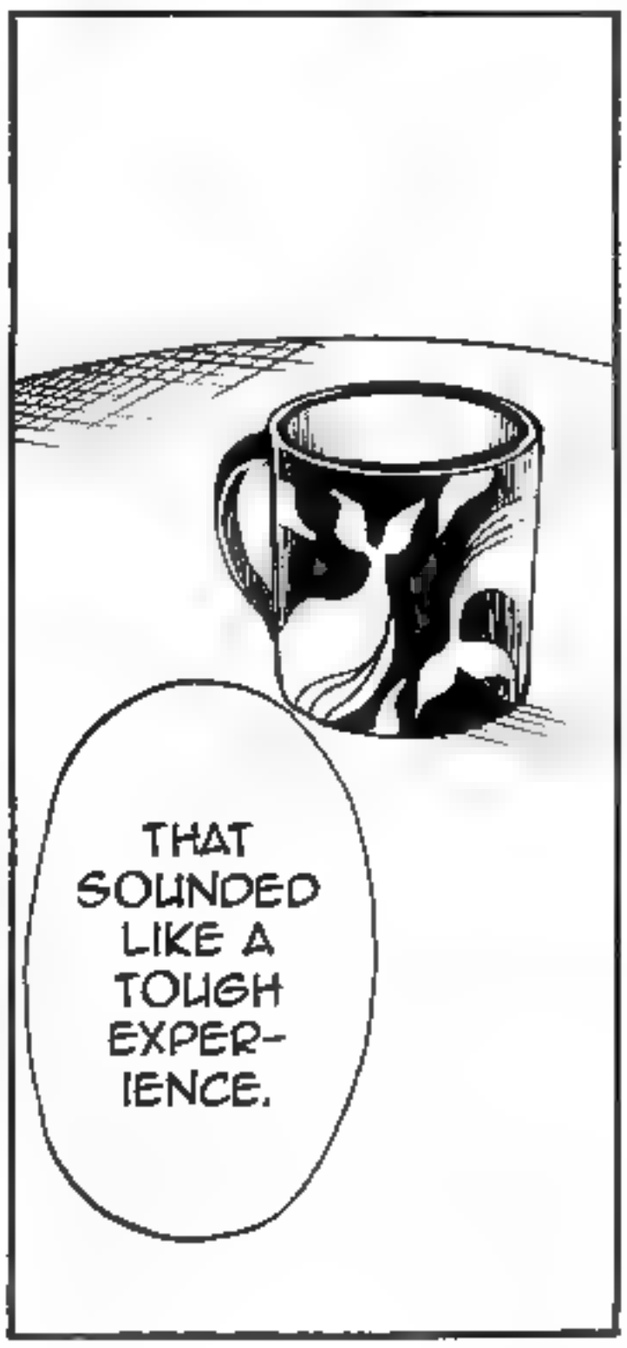
YAH-
I WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING HIM AGAIN.
BUT YOU INSTEAD DECIDED TO CHAT WITH ME?


THAT SOUNDED LIKE A TOUGH EXPER-IENCE.

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JIRAI-
SAN.

I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU BECAUSE I THOUGHT YOU WERE PRETTY...

I GOT LOST IN CONVERSA-TION WITH YOU, AND NEARLY FORGOT MY MEETING WITH UNAGI.

WHY DIDN'T YOU CALL HIM BEFORE YOU ENTERED?

YOU THEN RANG THE DOORBELL AT THE SCHED-ULED TIME, BUT THERE WAS NO RE-SPONSE.

SO YOU DECID-ED TO ENTER USING YOUR KEY.

YES. THAT'S COR-RECT.

YOU'RE RIGHT. HE WAS INSIDE THE BATH-TUB.

BUT THE QUESTION IS, HOW DID YOU FIND THE CORPSE?

WELL, IN THE END UNAGI WAS DEAD SO...

USUALLY THEY WOULD START WITH THE LIVING ROOM.

NO ONE LOOKS INSIDE THE BATH-ROOM FIRST.

DOES UNAGI-SAN USUALLY TAKE A BATH IN THE AFTERNOON?

YEAH

QUITE ODD, ISN'T IT?

...I JUST HAPPENED TO LOOK IN THE BATH-ROOM FIRST.

IT IS INDEED CLOSEST TO THE FRONT DOOR.

IF THAT WAS TRUE, SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE DONE THE EXACT OPPOSITE AND LOOKED IN THE BATHROOM LAST?

THE ROOM'S CIRCUIT BREAKER WAS SHUT OFF.

THE BATH-ROOM WAS PITCH BLACK.

BY THE TIME YOU ARRIVED, UNAGI-SAN HAD ALREADY DROPPED THE DRYER AND WAS ELEC-TROCUTED.

...I DIDN'T, SINCE IT WAS SO DARK.

OH, DID YOU SEE THE DRYER'S CORD?

IF I WERE YOU, I WOULD NOT'VE BEEN ABLE TO TELL THAT HE WAS IN THERE.

HE'S NOT SPILLING ANY-THING...

HAHA... DON'T FLAT-TER ME TOO MUCH.

YOU'VE GOT EX-TRAORDI-NARY EYE-SIGHT.

OH, IT'S FINE IF YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.

I JUST HEARD THAT THE DOOR WAS LOCKED WHEN THE POLICE SHOWED UP.

AND?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

OK,

SO WHAT DID YOU DO AFTER YOU FOUND THE DEAD BODY?

...THE SUS-PECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN NEARBY.

...I IMMEDI-ATELY CALLED THE POLICE ON MY PHONE.

I'M SORRY WE KEPT YOU FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.

I'M SORRY, DETEC-TIVES.

I NEED TO GET GOING TO THE POOL SOON...

THANKS FOR LETTING US SPEAK WITH YOU, KUJIRAI-SAN.

DON'T WORRY. I'LL BE SURE PROVE YOUR INNOCENCE...

IF YOU ARE INNOCENT.

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HOT

THAT'S THE SAME MODEL AS THE ONE UNAGI-SAN USED.

DOES THIS LOOK SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU SAW AT THE SCENE?

YES...

THOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE THE WEIGHT OF THE DRYER WILL PULL ON THE PLUG AND TURN IT OFF.

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BUT FOR DRYING YOUR HAIR...

THE BUOY-ANCY WILL HELP WITH THAT WHEN THE BATH FILLS WITH WATER.

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IF YOU WANT TO HAVE IT AFTER THE INVESTIGA-TION...

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DO YOU NEED THIS DRYER DETEC-TIVE?

DRYERS THESE DAYS SURE ARE HIGH-TECH.

THIS DRYER IS PROBABLY FOR WOMEN WITH LONG HAIR.

THIS MUCH POWER ISN'T NEC-ESSARY, EVEN FOR HAIR MY LENGTH.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

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SETS A TIMER MECHANISM FOR THE DRYER,

YOU'RE SAYING THAT IT WAS SOME-THING THE SUSPECT BROUGHT?

KUJIRAI-SAN KNOCKS UNAGI-SAN UNCON-SCIOUS,

TALKS TO ME IN ORDER TO CREATE AN ALIBI,

CONF-IRMS UNAGI-SAN'S DEATH, AND THEN CALLS THE POLICE.

IT'S FAR TOO RISKY FOR A PREMEDI-TATED MURDER.

THERE'S ALSO THE POSS-IBILITY OF HIM WAKING UP.

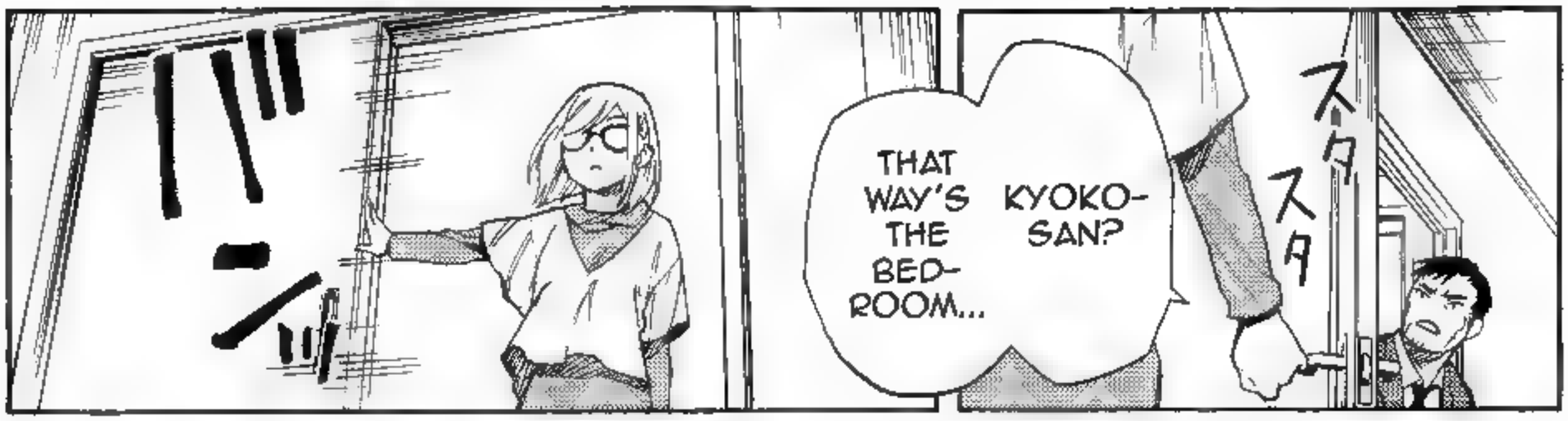
UNAGI-SAN DIDN'T HAVE ANY PHYSICAL DAMAGE OR SIGNS OF DRUG USE.

NOT EVEN CLOSE.

...SOUNDS PERFECT TO ME.

AND WHAT THE HECK IS A TIMER MECHANISM?

DON'T ASK ME...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KYOKO-SAN?
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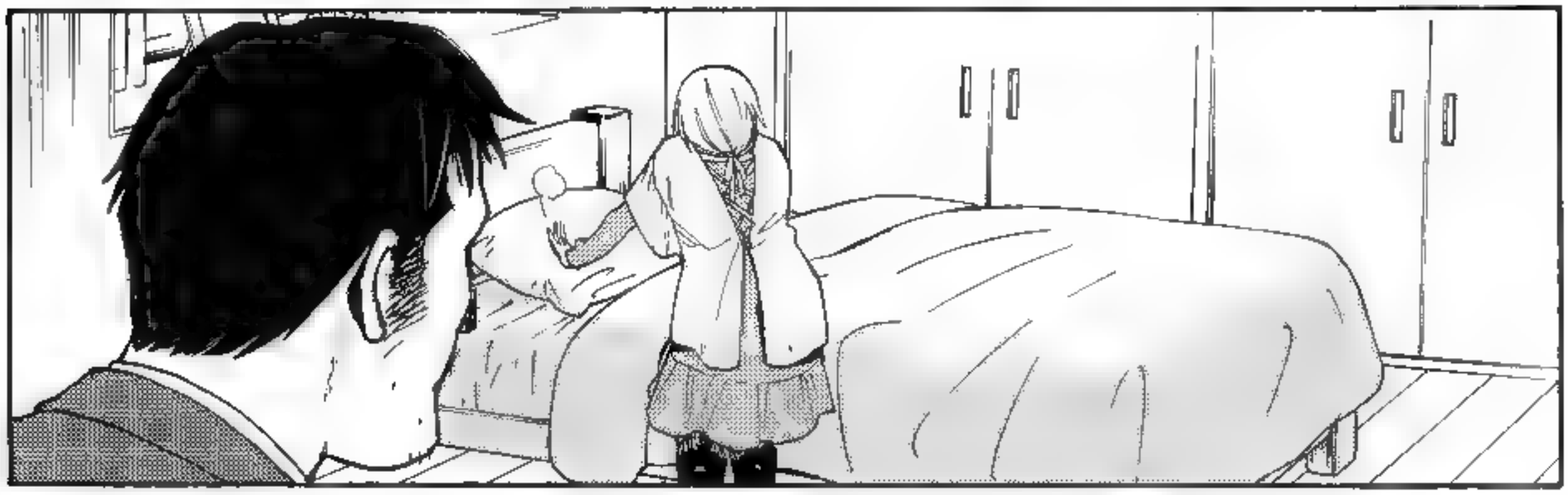

I'M GOING TO SLEEP.

I'M OVER-THINKING IT SO I'M GOING TO RESET MYSELF.

WAKE ME UP IN A HOUR.

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My name is Okitegami.
White hair. Detective.
Investigating with Detective Hijiori.

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WAS THIS A GOOD IDEA...

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I UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION.

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GOT IT.

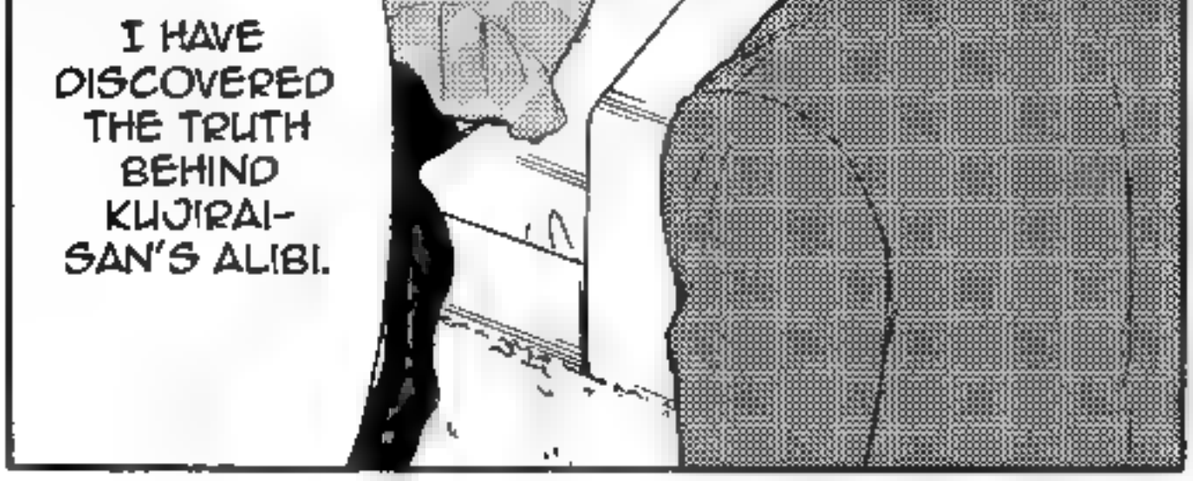
WHERE IS KUJIRAI-SAN RIGHT NOW?

WHAT!?

LET'S CONTACT HIM AGAIN TOMORROW MORNING.

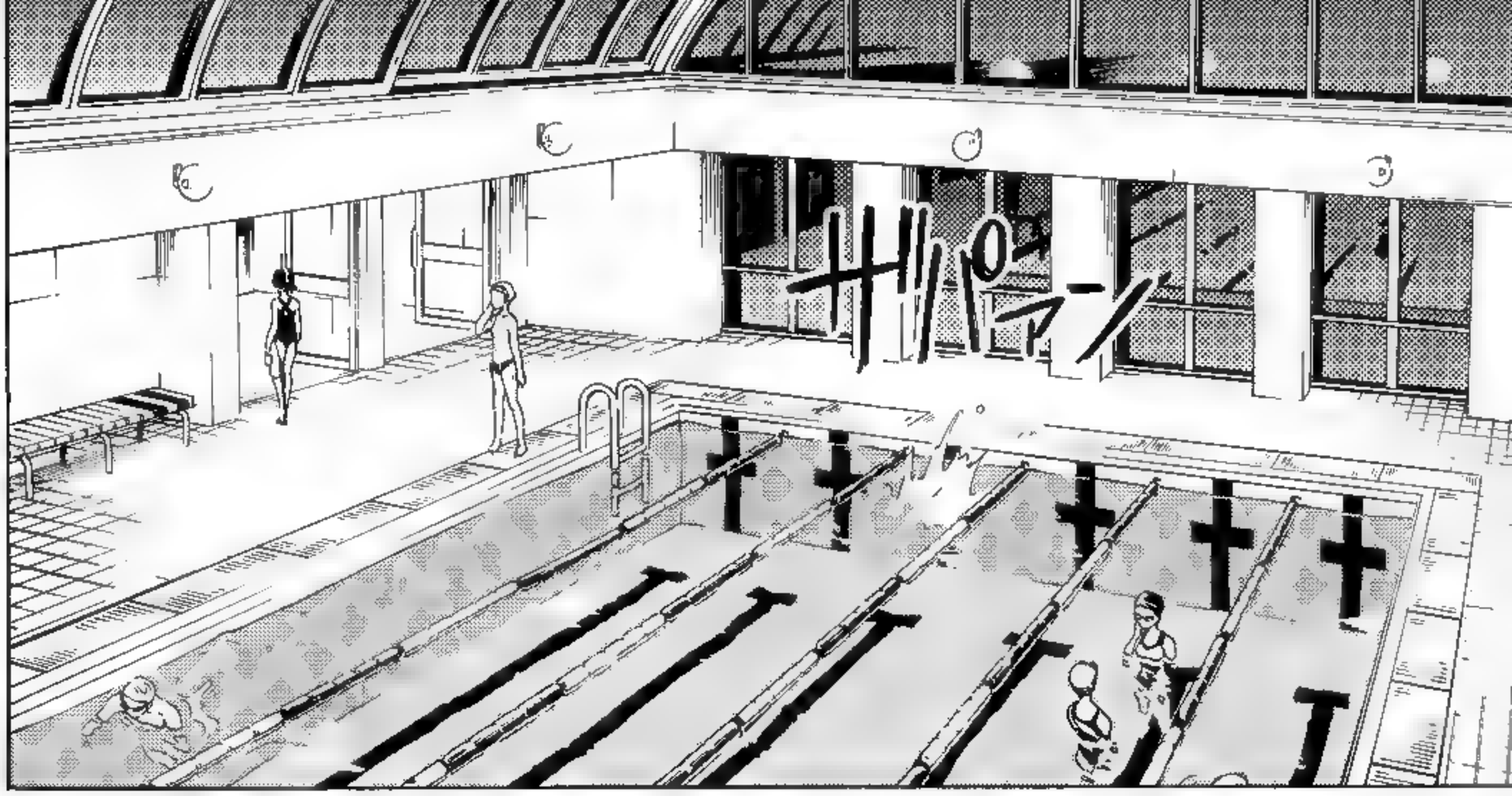
I THINK... AT THE POOL.

CAN YOU COME WITH ME TO BUY A SWIMSUIT?



DETECTIVE HIJIORI, I WANT YOU TO DO ME A FAVOR.

TELL ME ANYTHING.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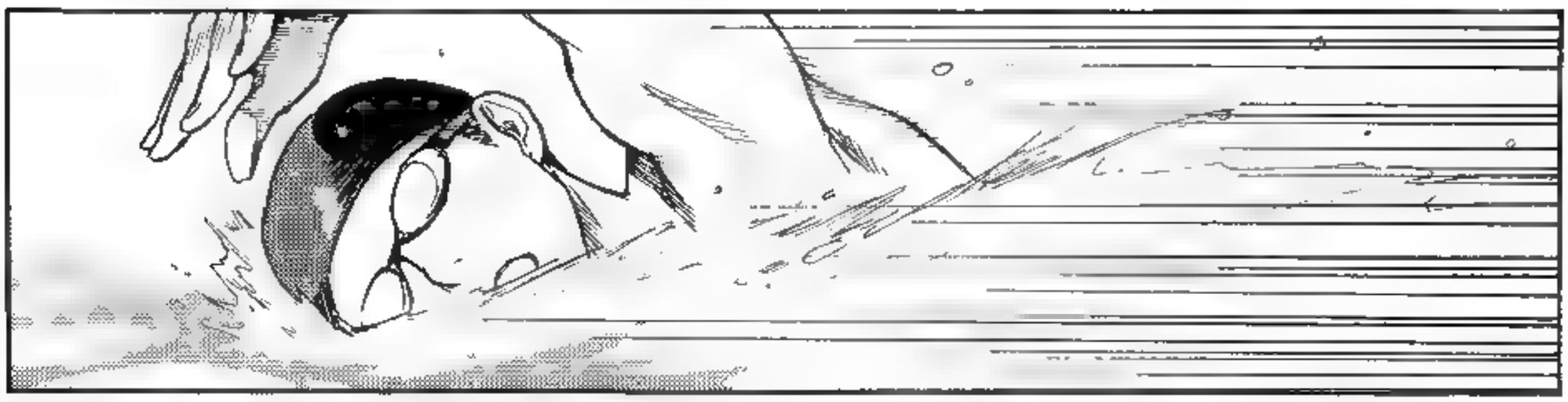

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NICE TO MEET YOU, KUJIRAI -SAN.

CAN I TALK TO YOU FOR A MINUTE?

...HER MEMORY RESET AGAIN.

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WOAH!

I'M SORRY, BUT I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF TRAINING...

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IF I FINISH FIRST, GIVE ME FIVE MINUTES TO TALK TO YOU.

THEN MAY I RACE YOU?

50 METERS FREESTYLE.

NO.

WHAT A PRIMA DONNA... ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT A LAWYER?

OH.

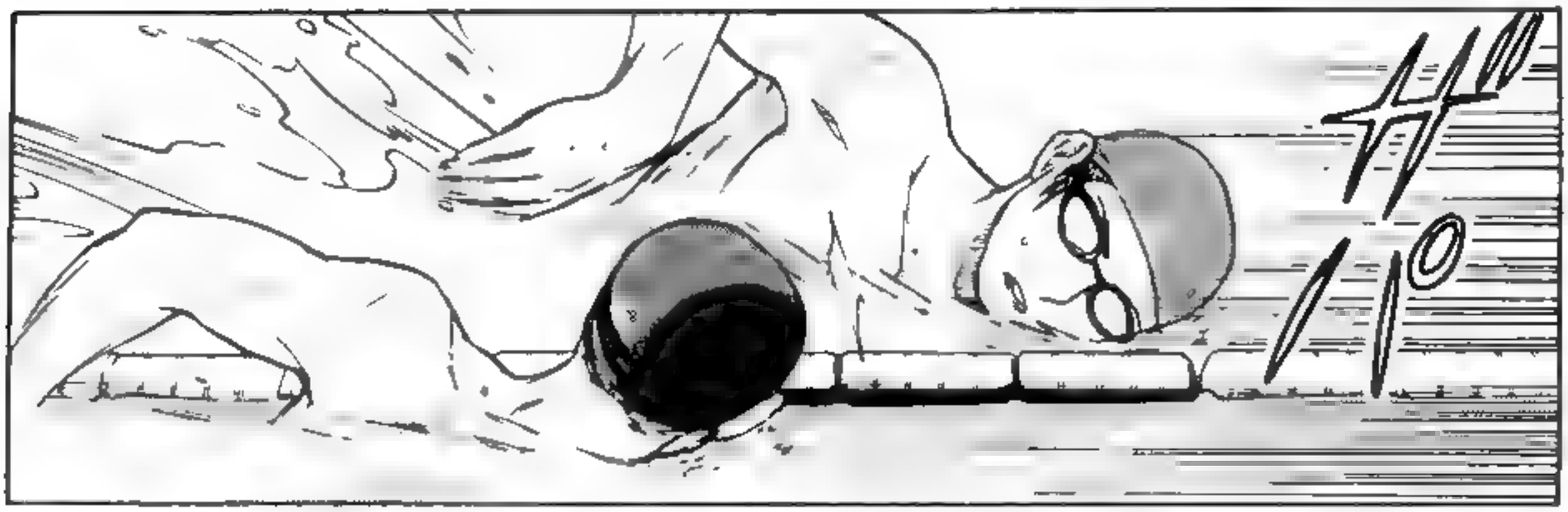
I'M A DETECTIVE. READY, SET, GO!

SO ABRUPT...

WELL, I GUESS IT'S AN ADEQUATE HANDICAP.

I USED TO RACE WITH UNAGI A LOT——

...IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE RACED AGAINST SOMEONE.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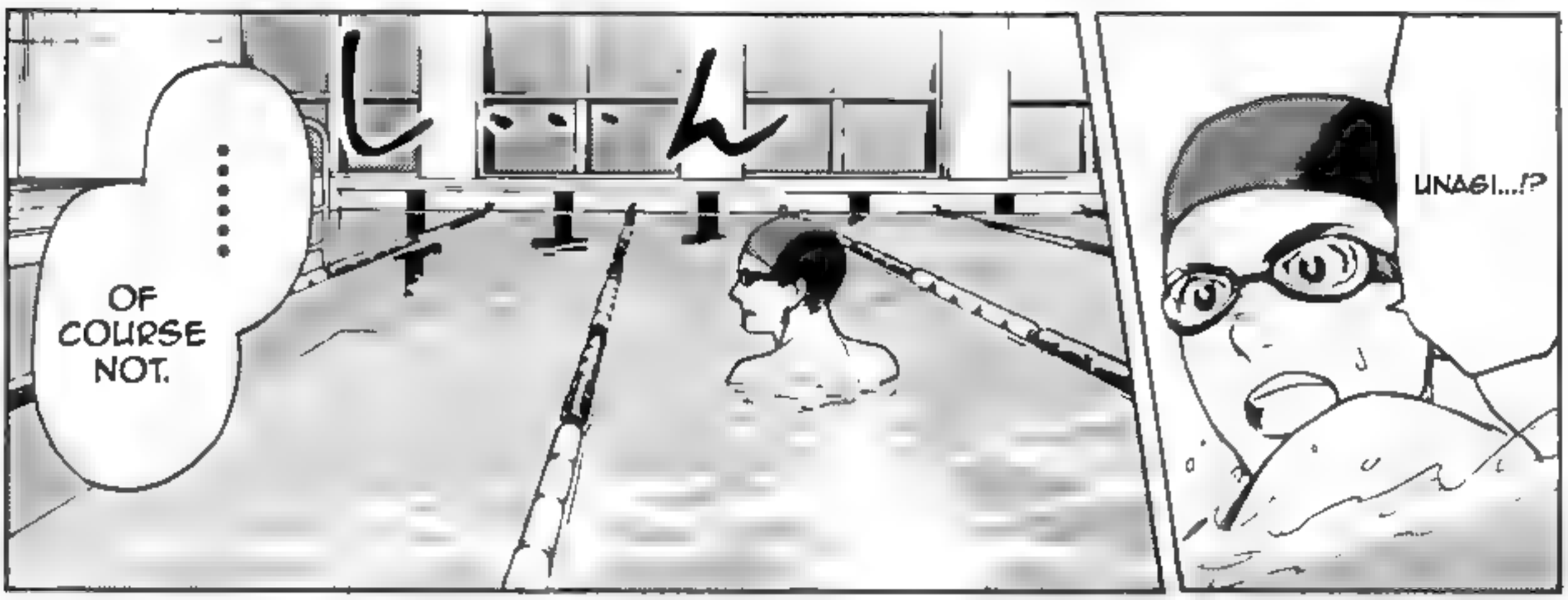
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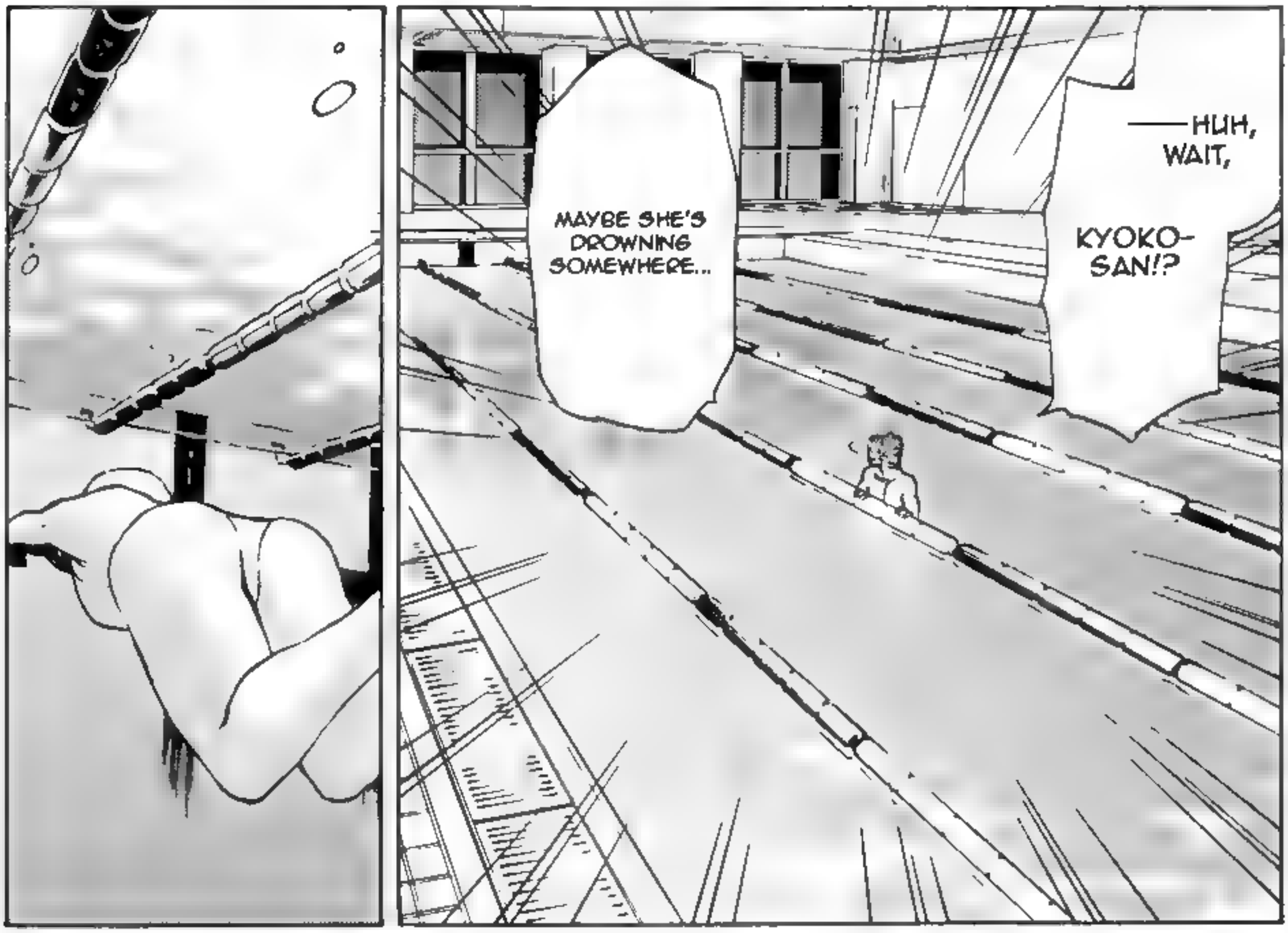
OF COURSE NOT.
UNAGI...!?


MAYBE SHE'S DROWNING SOMEWHERE...
——HUH, WAIT,
KYOKO-SAN!?

I WIN!

SWIMMING UNDERWATER IS ILLEGAL IN FREESTYLE.

HAHA...

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LET'S SOLVE THIS PUZZLE.

I'LL FINISH IT IN FIVE MINUTES, RAPIDLY AND RATIONALLY.

KUJIRAI -SAN,

AT 3 P.M. YESTERDAY, YOU SPOKE TO A WOMAN AT A CAFE.

MY HOBBY IS DESTROYING ALIBIS...

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT HOBBY.

AND WERE YOU ABLE TO?

THIS WAS THE SAME TIME AS UNAGI-SAN'S ESTIMATED TIME OF DEATH.

YOU HAVE AN ALIBI.

WHICH IS IT?

ONE, YOU'RE LYING ABOUT THE ALIBI.

OR TWO, THE ESTIMATED TIME OF DEATH IS WRONG.

THERE ARE MULTIPLE WAYS TO THINK ABOUT THIS.

IT HAPPENS TO BE NEITHER,

NO.

ARE YOU SUGGESTING A DOMINO CONTRAPTION DROPPED THE DRYER?

THAT WOULD BE UNNECESSARY

WHICH MEANS UNAGI -SAN

WAS KILLED BY SOME SORT OF TIMER SYSTEM.

BECAUSE...

THE MOMENT IT HITS THE WATER IT'LL SPARK, SO THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

THE DRYER WAS ALREADY INSIDE THE BATHTUB.

THE DRYER WAS LEFT HANGING ON THE SIDE,

AND THE FAUCET WAS TURNED ON,

NOT ALL THE WAY BUT JUST A LITTLE.

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THERE WAS NO WATER INSIDE THE BATHTUB.

THE DRYER SPARKED.

AND WHEN THE WATER LEVEL HAD RISEN HIGH ENOUGH,

THEN THE BATHTUB SLOWLY FILLED,

FIRST OF ALL, IS IT EVEN POSSIBLE TO DANGLE THE DRYER OFF THE SIDE?

AND YOU'RE SAYING THAT UNAGI JUST WATCHED AS THE BATHTUB FILLED WITH WATER?

KUJIRAI-SAN, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO FIRST FOUND HIM.

YOUR JOB WAS TO TURN OFF THE FAUCET.

ARE YOU SERIOUS, KYOKO-SAN?

KUJIRAI -SAN.

AND EVEN IF THE MECHANISM WAS REAL,

THAT'S NOT EVIDENCE THAT I KILLED HIM...

WHAT WAS HE DOING IN THE THERE THE ENTIRE TIME?

I NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT YOU KILLING HIM.

WHAT?

PRECISELY.

HE WAS NOT MURDERED.

IT MAKES NO SENSE TO DO ANY OF THIS FOR AN ALIBI.

UNAGI-SAN'S DEATH WAS SUICIDE.

I'M SURE YOU KNEW IT, BUT

HE WAS AN OLYMPIC SWIMMING CANDIDATE.

...I CAN'T FOLLOW YOUR LOGIC.

WHY WOULD HE COMMIT SUICIDE...

HE SAT IN THAT BATHTUB OF HIS OWN VOLITION

AND HELD THE DRYER IN HIS HANDS.

THAT'S EXACTLY THE REASON HE USED SUCH AN ELABORATE TACTIC.

HE DIDN'T WANT TO SHOW HIS WEAKNESS.

YOU'RE MISSING SOMETHING.

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DID YOU SEE A PICTURE OF THE BODY?

TURNING OFF THE FAUCET WASN'T THE ONLY THING HE ASKED ME TO DO.

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HIS DEATH SEEMED SUSPICIOUS FOR AN ACCIDENT.

IT WAS SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE HE WAS KILLED.

THERE WAS NO SUICIDE NOTE.

——YOU WERE ASKED TO SET THE STAGE.

THEN YOU SHOULD.

HE LOOKED REALLY PEACEFUL.

OBVIOUSLY

I WOULD DO THAT FOR HIM.

"I WANT YOU TO HELP ME WITH SOMETHING."

WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...

"HEY, I'VE DECIDED TO KILL MYSELF, SO MAKE SURE TO CREATE AN ALIBI WHEN I DO, OK?"

HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT HIS REPUTATION EVEN AFTER DEATH.

I HATED THAT ATTITUDE OF HIS.

I ASKED HIS COACH AND FAMILY, BUT NO ONE KNEW ABOUT HIS DEATH WISH.

BUT THAT'S JUST NUMBERS.

UNAGI-SAN'S SWIM TIME WAS WANING.

YOU WERE RIGHT, KYOKO-SAN.

HE PROBABLY COULDN'T TELL HIS LOVED ONES.

——WELL, SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

HIS ONLY HOPE WAS KUJIRAI-SAN, WHO HAD DRIFTED AWAY.

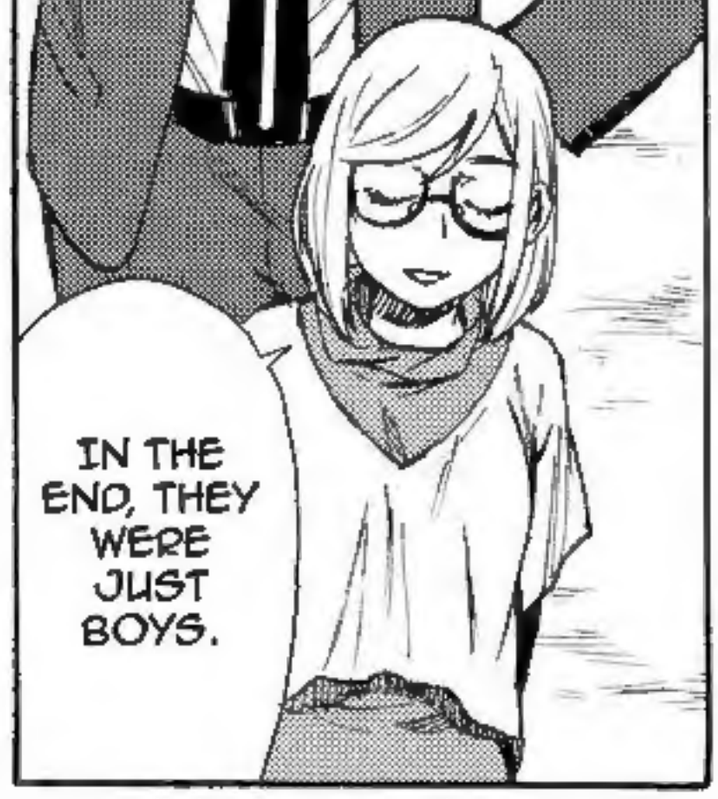
TO PUT IT BLUNTLY,

MANHOOD.

WHY DID KUJIRAI-SAN ACCEPT IT?

...WERE THEY FRIENDS OR NOT?

KUJIRAI-SAN WILL FACE THE CONSE-QUENCES.
HE WON'T RUN ANYMORE.


IN THE END, THEY WERE JUST BOYS.

WELL, DETECTIVE HIJIORI,
I WOULD LIKE MY PAYMENT NOW, SINCE THE CASE HAS BEEN SETTLED.
I'VE GOT IT RIGHT HERE.

I'M SORRY BUT

I CAN'T GIVE YOU THE RECEIPT FOR THIS AMOUNT.

WHAT?

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HMM, THAT'S STRA-NGE.

WAS IT NOT ENOUGH?

YOU DON'T REMEMBER KYOKO-SAN.

THE TAX DISC-OUNT...

10% OFF. THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID.

OH, I KNOW.

I DON'T REMEMBER...

I DIDN'T SAY THAT.

I'M PRETTY SURE YOU DID.

WELL,

今日子さんには、
やっぱり今日しかない――

次号は休載いたします。再開12月号は
今日子さんと厄介のデート回!? お楽しみに!!